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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

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B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab.

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July, 1950.

To the Oundle Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is my report for the year 1949.

The town stands at a height varying from 60 to 200 feet above sea-level.

It comprises an area of 2,075 acres, exclusive of that occupied by water.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population is 2,728.

There are 710 inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books at the end of 1949.

The Rateable Value is £18,803.

A penny rate produces £74.

The principal industry is a brewery ; there is also a small boot factory.

There is an important Public School with over 600 resident scholars, a Grammar School, Oundle County Modern School and an Elementary School.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births number 32.

	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	17	11
Illegitimate	3	1
Total	20	12

Birth Rate=11·7 per 1000.

DEATH RATE :—

Deaths number 27. Male 10, Female 17.
Death Rate=9·08 per 1000.
Infantile Deaths 0=0 per 1000.
Cancer caused 2 deaths.
Heart Disease caused 7 deaths.

No deaths from Tubercle or Infectious Diseases.
Deaths from Cancer 2. Heart Disease 7.

Notifications of Zymotic Diseases.

Measles	14 cases.
Whooping Cough	1 case.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Estimated number immunized : 30 children between one and 3 years.

General Provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health : B. R. Turner, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector : Mr. W. H. Bolton, M.Inst.M & Cy.Eng., Cert. R.S.I.

Rating and Valuation Officer : Mr. A. B. A. Wright.

District Nurses : Nurse Missen and Nurse Cates.

Health Visitor : Miss Miller.

Hospital : Glapthorn Road.

Ambulance : St. John Ambulance Association.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Oundle is a clean town ; the streets are well kept.

WATER.—The supply is hard, but good both in quality and quantity. Since the building of the New Road houses the consumption of water has greatly increased and the filter-beds are barely large enough for the increased work.

Quarterly analyses are made and are good. The water is softened and chlorinated.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—These are efficient and in good order.

Refuse is collected twice weekly.

There is no pollution of the river.

SHOPS.—See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Factory Act.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	*Number on Register* (3)	*Number of*		
		Inspections (4)	*Written notices* (5)	*Occupiers prosecuted* (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	1	1	*nil*
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	5	*nil*	*nil*	*nil*
TOTAL	11	1	1	*nil*

2.—Cases in which **Defects** were found :

Particulars (1)	*Number of cases in which defects were found*		*Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted* (7)
	Found (3)	*Remedied* (4)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (*c*) Not separate for sexes	1	1	*nil*

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) :

Nil.

The continued low incidence of Notifiable Diseases is extraordinary.

The Surveyor's Report is appended.

B. R. TURNER, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., Cantab.

Oundle Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WATERWORKS ENGINEER, SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I herewith submit my Report of work carried out for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

Public Water Supply.

A pure and constant water supply has been maintained throughout the year.

The consumption is above normal.

The water is softened from 29 to about 12 degrees of hardness.

Quarterly Bacteriological Examinations have all been excellent and the Chemical Analysis was also excellent.

Number of population supplied direct to the houses, 2,771. Supplied by standpipes, 78.

Main Sewers.

The main sewers have been regularly flushed and inspected and are in good order.

Sewage Outfall Works.

The Sewage Outfall Works have been well maintained.

Sewer Rodent Control.

75% of the manholes were pre-baited—total takes 14. Poison baits were then laid, only 11 complete baits were taken, 3 bodies were found.

Over 360 rats were destroyed in the Urban Area during the year at the refuse tip, sewage works and on private property.

A large amount of poison was given to the public on application.

Food Inspection.

On request, the undermentioned commodities were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Milk	37 tins.
Jam	10 tins.
Fruit, etc.	27 tins.
Fish	2 tins.
Meat and Bacon	31 lbs
Cheese	33 lbs.
Fish-Frying Fat	168 lbs.

Infectious Disease.

One house was fumigated (the case was imported).

Workshops, Factories, Cowsheds and Dairies.

Regular inspections have been made. Tuberculin tested milk is being produced at the Stoke Road and Ashton Road Dairy Farms.

Clean Milk Production.

15 Samples of Raw and T.T. Milk and Pasteurised Milk were taken during the year.

12 Samples were designated Good.
2 Samples were designated Moderate.
1 Sample was designated Bad.

Houses Examined, showing Cause for Action.

Infectious Diseases	*nil*
Dirty Houses	1
Overcrowding	1
Defective Drainage and Fittings and General Repairs	87
Other Causes	6

Number of Notices Served.

1. Statutory, Section 44, Public Health Act, 1936—1.
2. Preliminary and Letters—29.

Drainage and Sanitation.

Improvements have been carried out to 39 houses.

2 houses have been completely re-drained with water carriage system.

17 new W.C. pedestals have been fixed.

16 houses have received general repairs.

Inspections Other than Nuisances.

Works in Progress 234

Bakehouses, Dairies, Cow-Sheds, Factories, Workshops 26

One new W.C. has been constructed for men at a Bakehouse.

Ice-cream Regulations, 1947.

The regulations have been complied with.

Houses without Separate Lavatory Accommodation.

21 new W.C.s have been constructed during the year, a further 16 lavatories are required. Work is in hand on 10 lavatories, the remainder will be constructed at an early date and when completed, every house in the Urban Area will have a separate lavatory.

Civil Building Control Licences.

On behalf of the Ministry of Works the writer has granted 16 Licences for new flats (conversions), repairs and renovations of houses, and other properties.

New Road and Gordon Road Housing Site.

28 new Council Houses have been erected during the year making a total of 45 completed and occupied.

A further 9 houses are to be completed.

Private Enterprise.

7 new houses have been completed during the year and 3 are under construction.

Yours truly,

H. W. BOLTON,

Chartered Municipal Engineer,
M.I. Mun.E., Cert. R.S.I.,
Water Engineer Surveyor and
Sanitary Inspector.

18th January, 1950.